

## **Bristol CCG (Glaucoma) Repeat Measures service update March 2018**

This advice should be read in conjunction with Bristol glaucoma repeat measures service, pathway and clinical management guidelines and used to modify the thresholds for repeating measures on this scheme.

You may have seen the recent changes to NICE glaucoma diagnosis and management guidance.

The guidance advises we should now be referring or repeating measurements for IOPs measured at 24 mmHg or more rather than 22mmHg or more.

The reporting / claim form has not yet changed, how do I manage this?

If your first IOP reading (at sight test) is below 24mmHg: DO NOT USE THE REPEAT MEASURES SCHEME, the patient does not need repeat IOP measures on this scheme.

If your first repeat IOP with Goldman reading is >20mmHg but <24mmHg, claim for a PHASE 1a (part1) – Repeat IOP with Goldman Applanation Tonometer and continue to see your patient routinely.

If your second repeat IOP with Goldman at the second appointment is >20mmHg but <24mmHg, claim for PHASE 1a (part2) – Repeat IOP on separate occasion with Goldman Applanation Tonometer and continue to see your patient routinely.

NICE Guidance [NG81] can be viewed at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng81>

Extract:

1.1.4 Before deciding to refer, consider repeating visual field assessment and IOP measurement on another occasion to confirm a visual field defect or IOP of 24mmHg or more, unless clinical circumstances indicate urgent or emergency referral is needed. [2017]

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